

county, and forging a new international partnership through the Sister City program. The Chamber has also been an active member of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland. Now located in La Plata, its services are easily accessible to residents and businesses across Charles County, and it has broadened its efforts to take advantage of new developments in the region through its Young Professionals Group and Military Alliance Council.

Throughout its history, the Chamber has sought to provide resources, gain insight, and develop and advocate for solutions which continue making our local economy stronger and more vibrant. The Chamber prides itself on its commitment to helping members grow and prosper, and I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting the great work it has done over the past six decades. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Chamber as it continues to help make Charles County a great place live and do business.

IN TRIBUTE TO DAVID BOWIE,
LEGENDARY PERFORMING AND
RECORDING ARTIST WHO NEVER
LACKED THE COURAGE OR CON-
FIDENCE TO CHANGE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sadness and a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to David Bowie, a true trailblazer of the music and film industry.

David Bowie died on January 10, 2016 in New York City, from cancer; he was only 69 years old.

David Bowie was born David Robert Jones in Brixton, South London, England, on January 8, 1947.

David showed a strong interest in music from an early age and began playing the saxophone at the age of 13.

After graduating from Bromley Technical High School at the age of 16, David started working as a commercial artist.

David Bowie was also a stand-in with a number of bands and the leader of his own group, Davy Jones and the Lower Third.

David Bowie changed his last name to Bowie to avoid confusion with Davy Jones of The Monkees, a name which was inspired by the knife developed by Jim Bowie, the 19th century American frontiersman.

The first solo album David Bowie recorded was unsuccessful and soon thereafter he decided to take a hiatus from the music world.

But by early 1969, David Bowie had returned full time to the music industry, releasing the hit single "Space Oddity."

The song resonated with the public, sparked in large part by the BBC's use of the single during its coverage of the *Apollo 11* moon landing.

His next work, 1971's *Hunky Dory*, featured two blockbuster hits: the title track that was a tribute to Andy Warhol, the Velvet Underground and Bob Dylan; and "Changes," which came to embody Bowie himself.

As David Bowie's celebrity profile increased, so did his desire to keep fans and critics guessing, first by claiming he was gay, and then introducing Ziggy Stardust, Bowie's imagining of a doomed rock star.

His 1972 album, *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars*, made him a bona fide superstar.

By the mid-1970s David Bowie had continued his chameleon style by jettisoning the outrageous costumes and garish sets.

Then in two short years released the albums *David Live* in 1974 and *Young Americans* in 1975.

In 1980 David Bowie, while living in New York, released *Scary Monsters*, a much-lauded album that featured the single "Ashes to Ashes," an updated version of his earlier "Space Oddity."

David Bowie's creative interests were not limited to music.

In 1980, David Bowie performed on Broadway in *The Elephant Man* and his passion for film helped land him the title role in *The Man Who Fell to Earth* in 1976 and a starring role in the film *Labyrinth* in 1986.

Over the next decade, David Bowie bounced back and forth between acting and music.

The most popular of David Bowie creations of late has been Bowie Bonds, financial securities the artist himself backed with royalties from his pre-1990 work.

David Bowie was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996, and was a 2006 recipient of the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

He kept a low profile for several years until the release of his 2013 album, *The Next Day*, which skyrocketed to #2 on the Billboard charts.

He released *Blackstar*, his final album, on his 69th birthday, January 8, 2016.

New York Times critic Jon Pareles noted that it was a "strange, daring and ultimately rewarding" work "with a mood darkened by bitter awareness of mortality."

The world would soon learn that the album had been produced under truly difficult circumstances when the music icon died on January 10, 2016, in New York City, two days after its release.

Mr. Speaker, David Bowie famously said of himself, "I'm not a prophet or a stone aged man, just a mortal with potential of a superman. I'm living on."

Yes, David Bowie truly possessed the ability of an artistic superhuman and will live on in the hearts of his dedicated fans, admirers, and the present and future artists he has inspired around the world.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of David Bowie, the Man Who Fell to Earth and gave the world Ziggy Stardust and who never lacked the courage or confidence to change.

HONORING CLEVELAND PEPPER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented gentleman, Mr. Cleveland Pepper, owner of Pepper's Upholstery and More.

Mr. Cleveland Pepper is a resident of Cary, Mississippi. He graduated in 1959 from N. D. Taylor High School located in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

He started upholstery in October of 1986 under the leadership of Mr. Fritz Johnson of Hamilton, Michigan. He worked as a trainer for two years and was able to pass all requirements receiving a Certificate in Upholstery in 1987.

Mr. Pepper is a good steward of the community and enjoys learning new information and techniques. He attended a government program at Mississippi Christian Family Center.

He taught upholstery classes through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) to assist the unemployed to seek employment and become employable through training and assistance. In 2003 he decided to open Pepper's Upholstery and More in Rolling Fork, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Cleveland Pepper for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, January 7 and Friday, January 8, 2016, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present on the House floor on January 7, 2016, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call 13, Rep. Johnson Amendment No. 4; "aye" on Roll Call 14, Rep. Cummings Amendment No. 6; "aye" on Roll Call 15, Rep. Cicilline Amendment No. 7; "aye" on Roll Call 16, Rep. DelBene Amendment No. 8; "aye" on Roll Call 17, Rep. Cicilline Amendment No. 9; "aye" on Roll Call 18, Rep. Pocan Amendment No. 10; "aye" on Roll Call 19, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions; "no" on Roll Call 20, On Passage of H.R. 1155, "Searching for and Cutting Regulations That Are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015 or the SCRUB Act of 2015; "no" on Roll Call 21, On Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 581, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1927) to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation; "no" on Roll Call 22, on Passage of H. Res. 581, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1927) to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation.

Had I been present on the House floor on Friday, January 8, 2016, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call 23, Rep. Cohen Amendment No. 1; "aye" on Roll Call 24, Rep. Conyers Amendment No. 3; "aye" on Roll Call 25, Rep. Deutch Amendment No. 4; "aye" on Roll Call 26, Rep. Moore Amendment No. 5; "aye" on Roll Call 27, Rep. Moore Amendment No. 6; "aye" on Roll Call 28, Rep. Waters Amendment No. 7; "aye" on Roll Call 29, Rep. Johnson Amendment No. 8; "aye" on Roll Call 30, Rep. Jackson Lee Amendment No. 9; "aye" on Roll Call 31, Rep. Nadler Amendment No. 10; "aye" on Roll Call 32, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions; and "no" on Roll Call 33, On Passage of H.R. 1927 to amend title 28, United States Code, to improve fairness in class action litigation or Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2015.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF WILKES BASHFORD

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great personal sadness that I rise to pay tribute to a legendary, beloved San Francisco figure, Wilkes Bashford, who died on January 16. His world-renowned establishment—the eponymous ‘Wilkes Bashford’—delighted San Franciscans and visitors alike for half a century.

Wilkes Bashford was long celebrated as the man who gave San Francisco its elegance. His life’s greatest pleasure was educating generations of customers about style and about giving back to the community.

Wilkes Bashford paired his fashion success with civic leadership, serving as Board President of the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, home to San Francisco’s Symphony, Opera, Ballet and Veterans Building. He guided the renovation of the spectacular Veterans Building and co-chaired the committee to create the new, permanent memorial to our nation’s veterans in the courtyard.

His philanthropic works included support for Partners Ending Domestic Abuse, the Museum of the African Diaspora and Muttville Senior Dog Rescue. Wilkes had a special love for dachshunds and always had one as his faithful companion.

Wilkes arrived in San Francisco in 1959 and opened his original store in 1966. ‘Wilkes Bashford’ became the focus of the San Francisco fashion world. His exquisite taste, vast knowledge of the retail industry and foresight in predicting emerging fashion trends gave his store an international reputation. He introduced designer labels long before others and helped launch fashion careers.

His legendary Friday lunches at Le Central restaurant spanned forty years. Here Wilkes dined and conversed about politics and local goings-on with good friends, Mayor Willie Brown, San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen, Matthew Kelly, Sandy Walker and Harry de Wildt. This long-time group of friends epitomized elegance, sophistication and charm. They enjoyed a special camaraderie and shared not only a love of the good life but a great passion for their city of San Francisco.

Mayor Willie Brown called Wilkes Bashford part of the heart of the city. As we mourn Wilkes’ passing, we remember his committed civic leadership, his career as a luxury clothier, and his life as a very well respected and gentle man. May it bring comfort to all who loved Wilkes that so many cherish his memory as a warm, loving, kind friend and employer—a quintessential gentleman.

HONORING SHERIFF WILLIE
MARCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable law enforcer, Sheriff Willie March.

Sheriff Willie March is a native of Holmes County, MS, where he also received his early, elementary and secondary education. He has served the county in law enforcement since the early 1980’s. In his capacity as sheriff, he also serves as the chief officer of the Chancery and Circuit Courts with responsibilities such as, maintaining the county law library, the county courthouse, jail and protection of prisoners.

Sheriff March has served as President of the Mississippi Sheriffs’ Association in 2009, which includes Sheriffs from 82 counties across the State of Mississippi. His active membership in the association includes serving on the following committees: Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging (TRIAD) Committee; Mental Health Study Advisory Council Committee; Jail Detention and Correctional Committee and he is member of the Black Sheriffs Association, where he and the members were highlighted in the Jackson Advocate newspaper.

In addition to his efforts in fighting crime and trying to keep the county safe, Sheriff March and the Holmes County Sheriffs Department are dedicated to community service including, beautification. In 2005, he was featured in the Holmes County Herald newspaper for his recognition from the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Keep Mississippi Beautiful (KMB). The agency and organization honored him with a 2005 Award of Excellence for his participation in the Inmate Litter Removal Program Partnership. His department’s participation in the MDOT Inmate Litter Removal Program Partnership, helped to remove more than 435,000 bags of litter from state highways.

He also collaborates with schools, churches and non-profit organizations in conducting crime prevention and drug-free workshops and seminars for youth, as well as domestic violence intervention. He, along with local law enforcement and legal leaders coordinated the Just Acting Difference (JAD) program in the county for youth.

Sheriff March was also instrumental in fighting for the successful restoration of federal funds that were cut from the state’s narcotics units.

Sheriff March also served three years in the United States Marine Corps. His awards and accolades are numerous and he established the Crime Stoppers chapter in Holmes County.

Sheriff March and his wife, Peggy, are members of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church of rural Lexington, Mississippi, where he serves as a deacon. He and his wife have mentored many young people throughout the county.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheriff Willie March for his dedication and support to the Holmes County Community.

CONGRATULATING MARY ROSE
MCCAFFREY ON HER RETIREMENT
AS THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY
OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mary Rose McCaffrey on her re-

tirement as the Director of Security for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). For the past thirty-one years, Ms. McCaffrey has held numerous security and managerial assignments throughout the CIA as well as rotational assignments to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, and National Reconnaissance Office.

Prior to her appointment as Director of Security in 2011, Ms. McCaffrey served as Deputy Director of Security from 2008 to 2011 and was responsible for personnel security, facilities security, information security, policy, operations, and anti-terrorism/force protection. In addition, Ms. McCaffrey served in the ODNI at its inception as Director of the Special Security Center responsible for security policy, tools, and training collaboration among the Intelligence Community.

Mr Speaker, on behalf of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I would like to wish Ms. McCaffrey happiness, success, and good health as she begins her retirement and to thank her for her service to both the CIA and the Intelligence Community. Mary Rose, best wishes on your retirement.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES
RAMM HOLM, JR.

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Charles Ramm Holm, Jr. who passed away on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Charlie was born in Savannah, Georgia, to Charles Ramm Holm, Sr. and Ruth Carr Holm. In 1961, Charlie moved away from South Georgia to Washington, D.C. to begin his distinguished 18 year career in the public service. His desire to assist the American people and the U.S. Congress led him to work for Congressman G. Elliot Hagan as well as the Congressional Liaison for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Congressional Liaison for the Executive Office of the President. His commitment to public service continued until his retirement in 1979 while working for the Select Committee on Outer Continental Shelf/Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Charlie was a long time member of the Board of Directors for the Congressional Staff Club, Vice President of the Administrative Assistants Association for the U.S. House of Representatives, and President of the Administrative Assistants Association.

Charlie’s efforts still did not end there as he became a mentor to young children and a committed father by coaching his son’s Little League baseball teams.

Charlie is survived by his two sons, Charles R. Holm, III and James Douglas Holm, Sr. and his wife, Janet; his two grandsons, Christian Clarke Holm and James Douglas “Jimmy” Holm, Jr.; and one great-grandson, Ashton Cross Holm, and many nieces and nephews.